

**Community Supports and Housing Workgroup
Minutes
November 18, 2004**

Present

Bill Anderson (Acting Chair), BJ Flaherty, Erin Platts, Janet Adams, Larry Garman, Patty McDonald, George Walker (Council Chair)

Staff

Ed Holen, Linda Walling, Donna Patrick

Adjustments to the Agenda

Bill is going to stand in as chair for Sara who is attending the TASH Conference. It was noted that Lori Flood is attending TASH.

Minutes

Motion: To approve the September minutes as amended, Larry moved and Erin seconded. The motion carried.

State Plan

The Workgroup reviewed the revised process and activities timeline for developing the 2007-2011 state plan. Ed shared that staff would be responsible for completing activity number four. The Workgroup came up with a list of agencies/programs they would like information about for the planning process. These included:

- Assistive Technology (Ed is having Mike Roger collect info about this)
- Voc Rehab and Employment programs
- Mental health services for people with developmental disabilities
- DOJ and DOC serving people with developmental disabilities
- Children's Administration
- Services under the Older Americans Act
- Access to Transportation
- Housing
- Medicaid coupons and increasing the capacity of doctors/dentists taking coupons
- Medically Intensive Program
- People with DD served in nursing facilities
- Nursing availability and nurse delegation
- Inclusive communities and markers of inclusion (from Lee Valenta)
- Adult Day Care services
- After school programs

Staff will be looking at each program, what services they provide and the funding sources. They will also articulate the gaps and accomplishment.

Project Updates

Ed walked through the performance targets with the Workgroup and shared status of each performance target.

He reported that the Vashon Island contract was cancelled. Staff tried working with the School District, they just could not get the project working. Ed stated that the two waiver trainings that were held in Tukwila and Moses Lake were successful.

Ed shared that the Self-Advocates as Mentor project is looking for volunteers to be mentors. They would only work during the day and be reimbursed.

Core Indicator Report

Ed shared the review panel results. He stated that this second report based data from the Core Indicators Survey. The data collected is about family support services and contains important recommendations for systems change. Washington consistently ranks lower than other states that are participating.

The Workgroup would like to look at the recommendations in January and determine if they would recommend Council action on them.

DDD Assessments

Janet and Ed presented information on the activities of the Real Choices II Grant, which includes the development of a process for determining eligibility for services and a mini assessment for DDD clients, both new and ones who currently have no services. Ed talked about his experience on the Real Choices II Advisory Board, and Janet added information about the mini assessment development and time line. Ed talked about the whole project and the DDD assessment for children and adults that were the next step in the project. Ed will keep the committee informed on the development of the assessment tools.

Home Care Quality Authority Board (HCQAB)

Donna presented for Lori who was attending the TASH Conference. There was discussion regarding including Home Care Agencies on the registry, with an emphasize on IP's. This would not be an issue for the first phase, however, Lori would like feedback from Council members on what their thoughts are about them being listed.

Donna stated that there was an update from Sedgewick regarding claims. There have been eight across the state. Resulting from transferring to beds and wheelchairs, trips and falls etc. There is going to be a quarterly newsletter.

There is approximately 25, 000 providers, all of whom have received notice that there is a decrease in their wages for L&I. There are going to be 28 safety seminars set up throughout the state for providers.

There are various ways to access the registry. Currently it is on a volunteer basis if you want to be on the registry. Information is updated once a month and DSHS will have minimum requirements to be on the registry.

Legislative Update

Ed stated that staff is preparing for the next legislative session. He has been talking with the Governor's staff about the division's budget. The Governor's recommendations are not public yet.

Advocates have a budget priority list consisting of:

- Make sure consistent level of services
- Continue to support families
- Out of home residential support
- Supports to get jobs
- Staple provider workforce

A briefing book is also being prepared for the new administration on developmental disabilities issues.

January Agenda

SSP Report
Core Indicators Project
Presentation of Residential Providers Survey
CARE Report

Report to the Council

Bill will give the report on:

State Planning Brainstorming
Project Updates
DDD Assessments
Home Care Quality Board
Legislative Update

With that the meeting was adjourned.